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In re Application of: Robert H. Kincaid

t H. Kincaid Group Art Unit:

1655

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Examiner:

Betty J. Forman

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APPARATUS AND METHODS OF DETECTING

FEATURES ON A MICROARRAY

Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

In response to the Office Action mailed 11/29/01 (restriction requirement only), Applicant hereby elects Group III (claims 30-49) without traverse. Since Group III is elected, the restriction as between the other groups is moot in the present case and Applicant reserves the right to traverse the restriction as between those Groups in a later application.

Applicant notes that the Action had attached thereto an "Attachment for PTO-948" on how to effect drawing changes. It is noted that NO PTO-948 was attached. Furthermore, the Office Action Summary does not indicate any objection to the filed drawings. It is therefore assumed that the "Attachment" is in error and that there are no drawing objections at this time. If there are any objections to the filed drawings it is requested that they be specifically identified in a PTO-948.

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If the Examiner is of the view that there are any outstanding issues, she is invited to call Gordon Stewart at (650)485-2386.

Respectfully submitted,

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